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SUBJECT: JUNE 2 STEERING GROUP MEETING "BETTER TOWNS  
WITH LESS TRAFFIC"

1. DOT REGRETS INABILITY PARTICIPATE SUBJECT MEETING BUT  
WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE MISSION ATTENDING IN ORDER TO  
STATE FOLLOWING U. S. VIEWS ON RECENT CONFERENCE AND  
FOLLOW-UP WORK.

2. U. S. PARTICIPANTS WERE UNANIMOUS IN PRAISING BOTH  
CONCEPTION AND EXECUTION OF CONFERENCE. MOST OF U. S.  
CITY OFFICIALS ATTENDING CONFERENCE WENT ON TO VISIT  
EUROPEAN CASE STUDY CITIES DURING WEEK OF APRIL 21 AND  
ALL REPORTED THAT COMBINATION OF CONFERENCE AND SITE VISITS  
WAS HIGHLY INSTRUCTIVE AND SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCED THEIR  
PERCEPTION OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION.

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3. REGARDING FUTURE WORK U. S. BELIEVES THAT A CAREFULLY DESIGNED PROGRAM TO MONITOR THE RESULTS OF SCHEMES PRESENTED AT CONFERENCE WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. IF SECRETARIAT RESOURCES WOULD NOT PERMIT MONITORING ALL OF MEMBER COUNTRY CASE STUDY CITIES (WORLD BANK IS MONITORING SINGAPORE) THEN A SELECTION MIGHT BE MADE. SUCH A MONITORING PROGRAM WOULD FIT WITH PROPOSAL MADE IN OECD DOC.

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4. US PARTICIPANTS ARE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR VIEW THAT A FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE LATE 1976 OR EARLY 1977 WOULD BE DESIRABLE. IF ORGANIZED, SUCH A CONFERENCE MIGHT HAVE FORMAT SIMILAR TO RECENT MEETING WITH EXCEPTION THAT AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL FULL DAY SHOULD BE PLANNED TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR CASE STUDY PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION, TOGETHER WITH FEWER SPECIALIZED SESSIONS. 1977 CONFERENCE MIGHT INCLUDE REPORTS ON SOME OF THE MONITORED 1975 CASE STUDY CITIES AND NEW CASE STUDIES DESCRIBING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS ADOPTED IN 1975 AND 1976.

5. AS POINT OF INFORMATION MISSION SHOULD ALSO MENTION FACT THAT AT DOT SUGGESTION THE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD OF U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS FORMING TASK FORCE ON URBAN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT. TASK FORCE PLANS TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH OECD WORK IN THIS FIELD. INGERSOLL

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